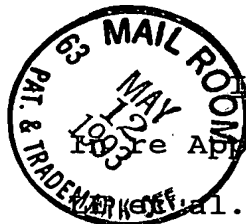


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATIONS

Page 80, line 14, delete "CD4", and insert therefor
-- TNF α --.

Page 88, line 31, delete "Thee", and insert therefor
-- There --.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 25, line 1, delete "TNF".

Please amend the following claim:

(amended) 31. A process for preparing [an antibody, fragment or region according to claim 6] a chimeric antibody molecule comprising two light chains and two heavy chains, each of said chains comprising at least part of a constant region and at least part of a variable region, said variable region having specificity to human TNF α , said antibody binding with high affini-

ty to a neutralizing epitope of human TNF α in vivo or a fragment or region of said chimeric antibody, comprising:

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(a) culturing a host according to claim 28 such that said antibody is expressed in recoverable amounts; and

(b) recovering said antibody, or a fragment or region thereof, from said host or culture.

REMARKS

The above amendments to the claim is being made in to place the application in better condition for examination.

Favorable consideration and allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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